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ORE SHOOTS VARY.

Their Appearance, Nature and Shape—A Few Instances.

NOW THEY DIFFER FROM VEINS.

DEVELOPMENT IN CRIPPLE CREEK SHOWS SOME PECULIARITIES AS HERE.

It is not a little bit curious how soon neophytes in mining get frightened over matters that would not for an instant phase a practical mining man, who is experienced, and knows that values increase and decrease both vertically and longitudinally and with depth, and the same may be said of veins and ore chutes that widen and narrow on the length of the vein and also as development proceeds. If prospectors and beginners in the mining business would only stop to consider they would be impressed with the fact that there is no uniformity on the surface as to width and values of their veins, and it would be unreasonable to expect a contrary condition beneath the surface, indeed, the contrary is true in the history of mining everywhere. In the consideration of any special phase of mining it is well to

take note of the knowledge gained in the industry not in your own particular locality, but in other regions as well. For instance, we need go no further than home to find mining properties, more or less developed, now idle, simply because the rich surface showings did not continue with development. Notable instances are had in the two Neepawa properties, the Gold Sovereign, the Bee Hive, the rich Crackerjack, and the Elliott mine, all of these Manitou lake properties showing phenomenal values on the surface, but which became leaner, as to gold values, with depth. In each case when the lean streak was struck, work was ordered stopped at once, and since neither of these properties have had a dollar's worth of work done with a view of ascertaining whether or not the values, or pay shutes, might again be determined. In this respect our mining men are unlike their western brethren, who, once they lose their pay ore, keep diligently at work to relocate it again.

In order to show Ontario mining men that ore chutes vary in size and in value, we publish herewith a paper in its entirety, taken from "Mines and Minerals," of Scranton, Pa., and written by that eminent authority, Prof. Arthur Lakes, of Denver, Colo., as to the actual facts ascertained in the workings of the famous Cripple Creek gold district, the richest in the world, and which possesses so many features common to the Ontario gold fields. It is rather lengthy, but if it will serve to dissipate the doubt of some owners of a number of our properties, it will answer its purpose. It is reliable and based on actual conditions, and as such will be a revelation to most of

our mining public. The Professor says:—

"It must not be supposed that an ordinary metalliferous ore, or gold, or silver-bearing vein is a solid mass of metalliferous ore from wall to wall; such is a very rare occurrence. Commonly the vein consists of a thick body of quartz from wall to wall occupying the full width of the original fissure, and the ore body is either a narrow body in the center of this or distributed in narrow veins or stringers through the quartz, the quartz, or vein stuff or gangue as it is variously called, being largely in the majority. Nor even is this same narrow body or pay streak of metal liable to be entirely continuous either longitudinally or vertically with depth. On the contrary on entering a tunnel driven in on the outcrop of large metalliferous fissure veins, you may look up on the roof of the tunnel and there observe a narrow dark streak, commonly very rusty, but showing here and there glistening patches of ore, this you are told is the ore body or pay streak, but following this on for some little distance in the tunnel you are apt to find it slowly giving out and the line of the ore only defined by a dark line or by occasional spots of ore. By and by you come to another similar, or it may be still wider body, and so on at intervals to the end of the tunnel. Now supposing this to be the highest tunnel opened on the course of the vein down the mountain side, if you descended to a second lower tunnel on the same vein you may recognize the same body of ore in the roof, through perhaps somewhat further into the tunnel than the previous one; and at the bottom tunnel you recognize the same ore-body still further in the pit. This shows that this 'ore shoot' or patch of ore is continuous downward in a slanting or dipping direction. The other ore-bodies or ore-shoots may be found to act similarly. So in a fissure vein, ore-shoots may be considered as long, more or less continuous patches of ore descending and following the downward dip of the vein, separated from one another by comparatively barren intervals and usually having one steep prevailing direction of dip, either north or south as it may be. This is what miners mean by ore-shoots, and such are very characteristic of the fissure veins of Cripple Creek, as described by Mr. Edward Skowles in a paper read before the American Institute Mining Engineers, Sept., 1886.

"Mr. Pentecost says: The gold is not

of the surface. In the North Star vein, with N. and S. course, dip W., the ore-shoot pitches north at 300 feet; the shoot yields from a 3-foot vein the best ore it has ever shown. A peculiar feature appears in the main shoot of the Doctor. It takes an S-like shape. This figure S occurs on the hanging wall. Pay streak is richer on the hanging wall and only twice has it crossed from hanging to foot wall. In the Chief the course of vein is N. and S., dip vertical; pitch of ore-shoot, north. The ore occurs in association with two dykes in the breccia, one striking north and south the other north of west and south of east. The ore-shoot pitches to the north and south dykes. At 210 feet, in the Doctor, the shaft encountered a newly square chimney of mineralized rock 10 inches square, worth \$75 per ton; continuing 10 feet, at 226 feet the chimney broke off abruptly. It had no connection with the vein and when first struck was supposed to be the apex of a new ore-shoot.

"In the Elktion at 25 feet deep the vein was six feet wide, consisting of a loose breccia of square blocks of rock. The first shipment of this loose stuff yielded 5 ounces of gold to the ton. The richest part of the vein was a sandy quartz stained with purple fluorite in which was considerable free gold. Course of vein, N. 2° W. Dip, 85° E. The Elktion shaft is vertical. At 300 feet the vein was intersected by cross-cuts. The pitch of the ore-shoot is 75° to the north. Walls are perfect. Pay streak crossed from east to west wall. Where it crossed the dyke it assayed \$80.40 per ton. The dyke itself seemed poor in value. The pay streak is an altered part of the dyke the rock replaced by quartz, iron oxides, fluorite, etc. Surface alteration extended to a depth of 170 feet. The ore at that depth is porous quartz stained with fluorite. In the adjacent Walter, the dyke after leaving the Katherine passes through the Walter uniting with the Raven-Elktion dyke. In this hill the vein and dykes spit as they travel north up hill. South there is only one well defined vein or dyke, whilst north the one dyke becomes two dykes on the Elktion claim and later numerous veins appear as they do in a similar way on Battle Mt. There on the south end of south slope the Independence and Stin are the only well known main veins, while on the north end of the south slope are a dozen veins. So on Gold Hill on south end of south slope the Anacouda is

low the line to the dyke. This dyke follows to vein 600 feet.

"It is the only vein having an ore-shoot pitching south and the only one showing slickensides. The character of the ore is different, containing less quartz and fluorite. In the Moose the vein is N 12° W, dip 80° E. by N., two ore-shoots, one north and one south of the shaft. The north shoot pitches north at an angle of 82° whilst the south pitches north 68°. The shaft is sunk 650 feet, at the bottom is the probable apex of another ore-shoot. Water stopped work. This is one of the few mines of the camp yielding silver largely, as well as gold. Two carloads from south ore-shoot yielded 54 ounces gold, 114 ounces silver, the silver is part native. Average silver value is \$3 per ton.

ORE-SHOOTS ON GOLD HILL.
"In the Moon Anchor the ore-shoot is 70 feet long, width of pay streak 3 feet lying on the hanging wall. The vein shows slickensides.

In the Geneva the ore-shoot was encountered at 80 feet, thence the vein inclines into the hill at an angle of 70°, thence to 450 feet the vein becomes vertical. The length of the shoot is 80 feet. The ore was a phonolite, the seams and faces coated with a tin-white telluride in a pale white, fine-grained phonolite.

"In the Anchoria Leland the course of vein is N. 20° E., dip often changes. Sometimes the east is footwall sometimes it is the hanging wall. Ore-shoot is 500 feet long. There is no gouge and the ore grades into the country rock. The pay streak at 278 feet is very dark, hard, black, glassy quartz, with small cavities 60 feet above the 278-foot level. Some of the richest gold and telluride specimens ever met in the camp have been found. The grade improves with depth from \$43 to \$125 per ton.

In the C.O.D. the ore-shoot is 125 feet long, pitching south with slickensided walls.

In the Abe Lincoln and Arcadian the vein is vertical with ore-shoot 150 feet long, width 2 to 8 feet, vein matter phonolite with granite on either side. The ore-body carries a seam of talc changing occasionally to quartz; ore is found on both sides the seam. In the City View a slip of the 185-foot line has cut the vein entirely out.

BULL HEAD.
"The Orpha May vein is 40 feet wide. It includes two other veins each 3 feet wide, 15 feet apart, the interval filled by cross-seams of quartz carry-

TOWN ELECTIONS.

Only Two of Last Year's Members Were Retained.

In the absence of a contest for the mayoralty there was not the usual keen interest shown in the town election last Monday.

The council for 1901 is composed of the following: D. C. Cameron, mayor by acclamation; Fred A. Hudson, J. K. Brydon, W. G. Cameron, C. W. Chadwick, C. W. Belyea, A. S. Horswill, councillors.

The new members of the public school board are: A. More, C. E. Neads, J. A. Partington, J. A. Paterson. The by-law to abolish the water commissioners' office was carried by a vote of 25 to 69.

The vote by wards was as given below:

CENTRE WARD.		
Councillors.	No. 1	No. 2
Belyea	28	23
Branchley	24	13
Brown	3	1
Brydon	53	28
Cameron	41	41
Chadwick	41	31
Davies	31	30
Duncan	32	19
Evans	39	29
Horswill	48	34
Hudson	34	22
McQuarrie	12	9
Sleightholm	30	23
Partington	38	19
Shupe		
By-Law	25	17
For	4	10
Against		

NORTH WARD.		
Councillors.	No. 1	No. 2
Belyea	40	26
Branchley	46	24
Brown	4	1
Brydon	70	23
Cameron	62	39
Chadwick	41	24
Davies	12	5
Duncan	52	30
Evans	37	16
Horswill	69	26
Hudson	70	39
McQuarrie	48	22
Sleightholm	21	7
Trustee.		
More	4	accl.
By-Law		

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descending and following the downward dip of the vein, separated from one another by comparatively barren intervals and usually having one steep prevailing direction of dip, either north or south as it may be. This is what miners mean by ore-shoots, and such are very characteristic of the fissure veins of Cripple Creek, as described by Mr. Edward Skewes in a paper read before the American Institute Mining Engineers, Sept., 1896.

"Mr. Penrose says: The gold is not uniformly distributed throughout the vein fissures, but is relatively concentrated in ore-shoots. These Cripple Creek shoots are of varying shapes and richness, and they trend in varying directions in the fissures, though possibly a sudden pitch down and along the fissures is more common than any other, especially when the course of the shoot is guided by certain transverse fissures. Elsewhere the shoots may dip vertically, and more rarely a little to the north. They vary from one to several hundred feet along the fissure, and from a few inches to several feet in thickness. In some places they have a well defined columnar shape. Sometimes they outcrop at the surface, in others their apex is far below the surface. Sometimes they are very continuous in depth, extending so deep as they can yet be followed, in others they rapidly come to an end and are replaced by others at greater depth.

"Mr. E. Skewes, having made a speciality of the ore-shoots of Cripple Creek, has followed them and their courses over an area of about 12 square miles over the hills surrounding the town of Cripple Creek. All the hills in this area examined by him, except Beacon Hill, consist at the surface of andesitic breccia and tuff, with underlying granite and dykes of phonolite. In Raven Hill the basaltic dykes are most numerous, and the veins are most closely associated with them. In Gold Hill the characteristic breccia and certain schists predominate. In Bull Hill the massive eruptives occur with phonolite, and the rocks are extensively fissured. Battle Mt. is surrounded by granite and abounds in andesite. Beacon is characteristically phonolite.

THE ORE-SHOOTS OF RAVEN HILL.

The course of the Doctor vein is N. E. and S. W., dipping N. W. at surface 38 degrees, and with depth 60. The ore-shoots pitch with the dip of the vein to the N. W. In June, 1905, there was in this mine the best surface showing ever seen in Cripple Creek. Characteristic cubes of gold 1 by 1 inch were abundant through an uncovered area 12 inches wide by 15 feet long.

"There are three well defined ore-shoots on this vein. None of them improve in value with depth; in fact the richest ores were mined within 60 feet

of the vein and dykes spit as they travel north uphill. South there is only one well defined vein, or dyke, whilst north the one dyke becomes two dykes on the Elkton claim and later numerous veins appear as they do in a similar way on Battle Mt. There on the south end of south slope the Independence and Stin are the only well known main veins, while on the north end of the south slope are a dozen veins. So on Gold Hill on south end of south slope the Anaconda is the only vein, while on the north end of the south slope and on the apex are many well known veins producing ore. Similar conditions occur on Bull Hill. It was the trunk first of the branches next. One of the Katherine ore-shoots pitches into the Walter at an angle of 45°. The same shoot also occurs in Elkton level No. 2. It is 30 feet long followed by a barren piece of 80 feet and then the main ore-shoot comes in from the south pitching 70 feet toward the north and continues north 600 feet. This long shoot is not rich but contains rich pockets. Average width is 4 feet. Two per cent. runs 2½ ounces gold. The pay streak in this is a greenish quartz in the center of the vein associated with free gold. Soft ground patches are generally favorable for ore. A rich ore-shoot sampled 20 ounces of gold per ton for 12 inches wide and 30 feet in length. The pay streak was on east side, in the 3rd level in the Elkton. In the Walter ground a new ore-shoot was found 25 feet long and 6 feet wide of a lenticular form. It was enclosed in breccia. The ore was a telluride scattered through small seams.

"The vein material was full of small vughs and cavities. Three carloads of ore were taken from this pocket, yielding 3 ounces gold per ton without sorting. This shoot was only encountered at a depth of 220 feet, showing that all ore-shoots do not come to the surface. There are many shoots whose apices are found at from 80 to 500 feet below surface.

"In the Raven mine the length of the ore-shoot is from 100 to 240 feet, pitching 65 degrees to the south. The pay streak changes about from foot to hanging wall. Free gold and telluride are visible down to 400 feet. The vein was not oxidized while in the adjacent Walter, owing to oxidation, the tellurides are undergoing decomposition with free gold as a pseudomorph occupying the form of the original telluride crystals as a result. Walls are well defined, vein 4 feet wide, swelling to 10 to 12 and even 16 feet. Slickensides or striae are common with bright metallic luster, showing much upward or downward movement. The striae are like corrugated iron on a small scale. The rock is breccia. This vein differs from the others, being unoxidized, and changes take place in the vein daily, while the other veins fall

the vein is vertical with ore-shoot 150 feet wide, width 2 to 8 feet, vein matter phonolite with granite on either side. The ore-body carries a seam of talc changing occasionally to quartz; ore is found on both sides the seam. In the City View a slip at the 185-foot line has cut the vein entirely out.

BULL HEAD.

"The Orpha May vein is 40 feet wide. It includes two other veins each 3 feet wide, 15 feet apart, the interval filled by cross-seams of quartz carrying ore worked all together and valued at 8 per ton. Six ore-shoots have been opened averaging each 50 feet in length, pitching south. Pay streaks on footwall in the Pikes Peak yield mineral from one shoot; vein is small 12 inches to depth of 300 feet. A mud seam was encountered on the west side, 2 inches wide, composed of surface mud rich in angular and rounded forms of gold. Thirty pounds of gold were panched out in a few weeks. The mud followed crevices in the rock and was scraped out with knives.

"The veins of the Pharmacists and Tenolia and Burns are connected by drifts. The two pockets which in 1892 paid \$84,000 dividends in a few months were V-like in shape and near the surface the V's were pretty close together, at 250 feet the ore ceased, the arms of the V came to a point. A new ore-shoot has since been found at 250 feet, the pockets 2 to 5 feet wide. Shaft was sunk 590 feet when the top of another pocket or ore-shoot was found, 80 feet in length and 60 feet deep and sill continuing at 650 feet.

"The Victor vein runs N. 45° W., but often deviating, dips equally irregular 65° S. W., the size likewise varying from six inches to eight feet. The vein forks at one point; at the junction big deposits of ore twenty-six feet wide were found. At the surface there is but one ore-shoot; at the second level the ore-shoot divides in two. The large bodies of ore are found at the south end.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN.

"The Portland main ore-shoot was caused by a junction of three veins, one having a N. W. course, the second a N. E. course, the third, a small cross-vein; size of ore-shoot is from 12 to 30 feet wide, pinching to 6 feet; its length is 175 to 225 feet. Untila depth of 400 feet the shoot pitched S. W., at angle of 52° near surface. At 400 feet in the granite the shoot straightened, and at 600 feet dipped north 85°. There are values in the vein from the Black Diamond to the Anna Lee, a distance of 300 feet.

BEACON HILL.

"Composed of phonolite and granite. Prince Albert vein is N. E. and S. W., dipping 85° to 90° S. E. The dyke or vein is 90 feet wide with three ore-shoots, one 60 feet, another 30 feet long and 28 feet wide, yield \$70 per ton, rich ore on hanging wall. At 90 feet another dyke or vein was met, the vein continuing through this dyke for 12 feet, on reaching the granite it straightened. Value \$8, and in granite \$12."

Belyea	40	24
Brenchley	46	24
Brown	4	24
E. ydon	51	30
Cameron	52	30
Chadwick	44	24
Davies	12	5
Deacon	52	30
Evans	37	16
Horswill	69	28
Hudson	76	30
McQuarrie	48	22
Sleightholm	21	7

Trustee.		
Mory	accl.	
By-Law		
For	69	28
Against	14	8

SOUTH WARE.

Councillors.	No. 1	No. 2
Belyea	25	34
Brenchley	25	28
Brown	1	3
Brydon	34	40
Cameron	38	30
Chadwick	29	50
Davies	6	9
Deacon	31	15
Evans	23	51
Horswill	21	24
Hudson	38	33
McQuarrie	20	16
Sleightholm	15	12

Trustees.		
Neads	46	40
Breley	20	34
By-Law		
For	32	64
Against	11	13

WEST WARD--NORMAN.

Councillors	Poll
Belyea	27
Brenchley	7
Brown	6
Brydon	23
Cameron	16
Chadwick	18
Davies	30
Deacon	17
Evans	21
Horswill	1
Hudson	15
McQuarrie	15
Sleightholm	8
Trustee.	
McQuarrie	13
Patterson	24
By-Law	
For	24
Against	9

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new folks who was blind and waiting
for me.

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of the boys was blind and it was not.

...suffer from "nerves," for it acts as a sedative, but if taken to excess its effects are not good.

Foolish acquire a lot of money and go to work tomorrow.

Ed. Ward, of Pinewood, is letting a timber on his "thigh" stand this winter. He and his team employed putting in log on the combine Raby lake.

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Court Golden City, A.O.F.

The third installation banquet of the Ancient Order of Foresters, which took place Wednesday night, was doubtless one of the most successful events of its kind ever held under the auspices of any fraternal society in Rat Portage. After the business of the Court, which included the installing of officers for the ensuing year, tables were spread and arrangements made for 65 members of the Court to enjoy an excellent banquet prepared under the direction of our able and popular caterer, Mr. Parsons. After full justice had been done in this direction the toast list was enthusiastically entered upon, with the Chief Ranger, Bro. Musk in the chair. The various toasts, which were heartily responded to, was interspersed with songs, recitations and music, rendered by Bros. Nickless, Hafferman, Cook, Brahe, Outinog, Martin and others. A most enjoyable evening was spent and an impetus given to Ancient Forestry for the ensuing year. The officers elected are: C.R. Musk, L.C.C., Wm. Broley, Sec.; A. Young, Sub. Sec.; D. Murphy, Treas.; R. Crawford, S.W.; A. Brown, J.W.; D. Munn, S.E.; J. Tucker, J.G.; J. Jones, M.U.; Dr. Laidlaw.

Rat Portage Public Library.

The following new books have just been received: Isle of the Winds, O. McKelty; House of Egremont, Molly Sewell; Heart of Ancient Wood, C.G.D. Roberts; Nellie's Memories, Rosa N. Carey; Rue With a Difference, Rosa N. Carey; Robert Torday, Sage; Richard Yea and Nay, Hewlett; Ring of Shield, Knox Magee; Expatriates, Lillian Bell; Scientific Demonstration of Future Life, Dr. Hudson; Psychie Phenomena, Dr. Hudson; Eleanor Mrs. Humphrey Ward; Hosts of the Land, Mrs. Stacey; The...

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BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTIONS.



Miss Minnie M. Cummings, fancy skater, will beat Victoria rink. Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th. The Citizens Band will be in attendance. Do not fail to attend and see one of the world's most graceful skaters.

A Blind Pig at Gold Rock.

Everything has been running smoothly at Gold Rock for the past three years, but lately we understand the place has become disorderly. There is only one licensed hotel, owned by Mr. Tynan. It has good accommodation and has been managed in a thoroughly respectable manner. But it seems there is another place where intoxicating liquors may be had, and it is in defiance of the law. Our side of the moral question involved is decidedly unfair to the licensed house, which is compelled to have proper accommodation for travellers.

Since this unlicensed place has been running fifteen men have lost their jobs in companies for which they worked, and one man was found recently almost frozen to death on the portage. Nothing of this kind ever happened before this unlicensed resort commenced dispensing intoxicating liquors. If the license commissioners had thought that another license was necessary in Goldrock, it would un-

The Walkers and Rat Portage.

A small but very select audience assembled at the Hilliard opera house last Monday evening to hear Francis Walker, the celebrated baritone vocalist. The programme opened with a number given behind the curtain, and the singer was hailed with a burst of applause just as the painted canvas was being drawn up over the proscenium. Mr. Walker, who is a brilliant conversationalist, rather than an orator, explained the nature of his programme, chatting the while in an easy, charming manner, and drawing from his wide knowledge of musical history such flashes of light as would illuminate the subject matter in hand and interest his hearers. The L'Ebre selection fairly electrified the audience, the baritone fire of the singer's tones at once demonstrating that he could sing as well as explain the compositions of the old masters. The mighty but unfortunate Handel was next discussed, during which the subject of the old Italian school of singing came up as naturally as if the conversation had been an idle one between musicians spending a leisure hour together. Handel had written operas, though they have not been produced in our day. Modern singers had not the vocal agility of the old school, and perhaps if they had the operas themselves would not be popular with the public today. Mr. Walker then proceeded to show what vocal agility consisted of by singing in the vernacular "Si tu i ceppi" from the Italian opera "Berenice." This number gave him an opportunity to play his wonderful dramatic ability, and remarkable range, the incisive timbre, power and flexibility of the tones, showing that Mr. Walker with but few equals in the musical world.

The remainder of the programme was divided into four parts: German songs; songs by American composers; songs with curious refrains, and ballads. Each of these proving as interesting, both in the explanation and in their rendition as the aria from forgotten operas. It seems to be a moot question in such cities as Boston, New York and Chicago as to whether Mr. Walker is better in dramatic singing than in simple ballads, but to my mind his singing of the latter while

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Sheldon's New Book.

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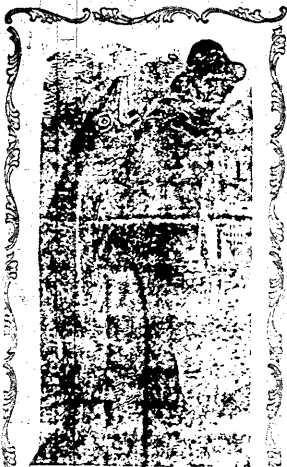
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Lindal-Sunblad Locations.

Ned Campbell yesterday went out to the above mentioned property north of Black Sturgeon lake to let a contract for sinking a shaft 100 feet and cross cutting 100'. An option on these locations has been taken by St. Paul and Minneapolis parties, who have agreed to develop them to that extent the large ore body crossing them. Al. Lindal last summer discovered a full band vein near the granite which showed fair values. The principal vein is over 60 feet wide and within a distance of 300 feet there are three other veins running parallel, 6, 8 and 12 feet wide respectively, all showing fair values.

cently almost frozen to death on the portage. Nothing of this kind ever happened before this unlicensed resort commenced dispensing intoxicating liquors. If the license commissioners had thought that another license was necessary in Goldrock, it would undoubtedly have been granted, and we trust that steps will be taken to close up this resort, as it is hurting the mining interests there. It is difficult for mining employers to secure men in an out-of-the-way place, and it is very aggravating when they do employ them to find out that they cannot rely on their services for two days together.



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In chatting with the writer during his visit here Mr. Walker said he could not imagine how the people in this country retain their health in the winter time. "The winter itself," the well known vocalist declared, as he piled his shoulders up around his ears to make a lee shore for his face to sail behind, "is charming; the air is so bracing, but—" and here he dropped into that serious tone of his—Canadians of the great Northwest dedicate themselves from December to February. They seal up every room in their houses with double windows, put felt stuff on every crevice through which a little fresh air might be smuggled in—and then they fire up. In the summer time doors and windows are flung open so that the fresh air may come in, and yet, though they thus acknowledge the value of fresh air in summer the doctrine is most emphatically repudiated as soon as the spirits in the thermometer begin to shrink. Mr. Walker's hygienic observations are, I think, worth considering.

Long residence in Italy has converted Mr. Walker into an enthusiastic admirer of the land of blue skies and sunny clime. He believes it to be the fairest land on earth and its people the happiest, most philosophical and most artistic under heaven. The Florentine summer is much cooler than that of the prairies of the Northwest, and the winters are so arranged that plenty of fresh air may be consumed in the houses. A curious feature about Italy is the fact that the cities have different names to those we hear of in our geography at school. There is no Florence, it is Firenze, pronounced "Fire-zenay." Venice is called "Vay-nah-ay." Rome is "Ro-mah," and there is no Leghorn or Naples. The names of these places can only be pronounced by those who speak Italian. Even our cherished Pompeii is pronounced "Pom-pay-ye," with the accent on the "pay." An attempt to pronounce other places meets with results much more disastrous than those mentioned above when tried by the intoned Anglo-Saxon tongue.

Mr. C. P. Walker, known to the cognomen as "Gon," and who is the founder of the great "Broad Basket" circuit, in which is included the winning theatre, spent a few days in town this week during the en-

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agement here of his brother, Mr. Francis Walker, C. P. came to see the Hilliard opera house with a view to furnishing attractions. His first verdict was couched in terms of an amazed silence, but after a few moments he sank into a stage "prop" called by a furniture dealer a sofa for two, and made disjointed remarks in about the following style:

"What a wonderful man is Hilliard. What a theatre! I thought it was larger, but not half so handsome. What a complete set of scenery, and the electrical arrangements: what have thought it?" Again he sat on the sofa and listens in perfect silence for about 10 minutes to John Anderson. Outside the theatre Mr. Walker observes "what a quaint character is John Anderson." Walking around

town, he comments on the business life of the community, and remarks that Rat Portage is a bright, bustling little city. Then he wants to know about fishing in the lake: had we black bass? In answer in the affirmative, and mentally called down blessings on the head of Mr. Margach for having the foresight a few years ago to stock some of our smaller lakes with this fish. "Black bass is great sport," comments the theatrical manager. "I will spend a month here next summer, and catch some. The diversion then reverts to things theatrical until "Frank" appears on the scene, who is as pleased as a small boy with a new hockey stick, because Mr. Hilliard has just given him a room with a window which will open wide

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SERGT. HAROLD A. MACHIN

Receives a Grand Reception
at the Opera
House.

The citizens of Rat Portage turned out en masse and filled the Opera house on Friday evening last to do honor to Sergeant Harold A. C. Machin on his return from service in South Africa with the Royal Canadian Special Service regiment. The stage was beautifully decorated with British and Canadian flags, and the electrical illuminations were very fine. In the centre of the upper view the letter M was formed by electric lights.

The programme was opened by Capt. D. E. Ferguson in uniform of the Algonquin Rifles, marching in at the head of the Boys' Brigades of the town with Lieut. Woods following. The boys performed their part very creditably, and when they marched off the platform Mr. H. Longford assumed the chair. Songs were taken on the platform by Major Goodwin, Capt.

regiment passed through, and was listened to with wrapped attention, which frequently broke into applause at the thrilling incidents related. He was able to speak of what he had himself witnessed as he never missed a roll call during the whole time of service. His accounts of the battles of Paardeburg, Herpoek and Zand river were especially thrilling.

In describing the regiments' return and receptions in England the feelings of the audience were stirred to the highest pitch by Sergt. Machin's description of their presentation to Her Majesty the Queen. The touching and loving sympathy of Her Majesty was so graciously shown that there was not a dry eye among the men who paraded before her, and he said that one supreme moment repaid him for all that he passed through in the campaign.

In closing Sergt. Machin said that in all the dangers he had encountered in the different battles in which he had been engaged he was not so embarrassed as he was on that occasion, telling stories of his friends in such a grand narration as they had given him. His account of the campaign was highly interesting, but really the best. He scarcely mentioned what he did personally, but through-out spoke of "the regiment" or "the

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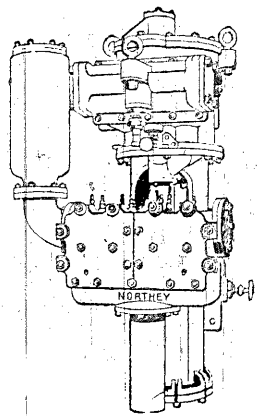
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The said shares will be offered for sale by me by Public Auction at my Office in the Court House in the town of Rat Portage, on Monday the 21st day of January, 1901, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time let all parties concerned be present.

Dated at Rat Portage this 8th day of January, 1901.

W. H. MCKAY, Bailiff.

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These, added to the severe pains in the back which accompany the disease, make the life of the sufferer one of the most miserable.

One such sufferer was Mr. Darius Dean, of Jordan, Ont. Mr. Dean in an interview with a reporter recently gave his experience as follows:—“I am a saw and grist mill operator, and naturally a strong man but the life of a miller is a hard one, with long hours of labor and frequent exposure. Some years ago as the result of this exposure I was afflicted with kidney trouble, and although I spent much money in various remedies I did not find a cure until I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In the autumn of 1888 the trouble began to assume an aggravated form. I suffered from most severe pains in the back, and a feeling of drowsiness, and yet so severe was the pain that many a night I scarcely closed my eyes. My appetite was lost, I suffered from headaches, lost flesh, was miserable and wholly unfit for work. It was while in this condition that I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and procured three boxes. Before I had finished the third box I felt much better, and I then procured half dozen boxes more. I used all these, but before they were all gone I felt that my health was fully restored. In the interval since then I have had one slight return of the trouble, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills soon drove this out, and my health since has been the very best. I have gained much in weight, eat and sleep well and consider myself as healthy a person as there is in the county; and the credit for this I feel is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.”

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SERGEANT H. A. C. MASHIN, HERO OF PANAMA.

D. T. Ferguson, Lieut. Woods, Judge Chapple, Councillors J. F. Rice, W. G. Cameron, T. R. Deacon, E. A. Hudson and A. McQuarrie. The Citizens band played "Soldiers of the Queen," and when Sergt. Mashin appeared they started up "God Save the Queen," the audience rising and singing "The Soldier" standing at "The Salute."

The chaplain made a short but inspiring and patriotic address, after which the choir, with Sergt. Mashin and Mr. H. Kevill, sang in his honor the hymn, "Gloria to his right." The laughter provoking style of the chaplain made an excellent address in the Army. Mrs. Boston, in proposing the toast of the Queen, and Mrs. D. T. Ferguson, in proposing Messrs. A. C. Boyd and A. M. Hay, lent themselves to a program of well reported to the toast of Canada. Mrs. Mashin was greeted with a presentation. This was accompanied by a song, "This is a Jolly Good Fellow." He made a splendid speech, relating many incidents of the town council and the war, and thanking St. George's Society for the expression of good will.

The ladies responded to the toast and in doing so they were very successful. Mr. Macdonald, in his best rousing style, then gave a speech. When this speech was over, in Rat Portage, in many ways, I was his thanks, saying that a person of his kind of wit and wisdom, and emotion prevented him from saying anything to the contrary. The following gentlemen also went: it was the president and a great number of songs: Messrs. Langford, moment of his life. The program of singing, Greenwood, E. H. Levesque, giving a devoted account of the life of the late, and E. J. Hall.

Forces of Proprietor.

The friends of Miss J. Wilson, who left on the 1st of Dec. for the lumber assembly and for the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson to show her appreciation of the help and protection which she was held up to, presented her with an address and a large collection of letters. The address was read by Mr. S. H. Hume and the presentation was made by Mrs. S. Wilson and was accompanied by Miss Wilson and a few self-chosen remarks. The presentation was made in a manner to which a credit to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. This music was excellent, an evening song by Mrs. J. H. Hume, violinist, and M. Laundry, violinist, and the chief feature of the evening. Pianos and other instruments were indulged in and all present spent a very pleasant evening together. After tea was served some returned to their homes, and others remained until shown to the station and then Miss Wilson away, wishing her a safe journey, good luck and prosperity.

Following is the address, which was signed by a large number of Miss Wilson's friends:

To Miss J. L. Wilson, Rat Portage, Ontario.

Dear Miss Wilson,

We having learned with regret of your intention to leave town and take up your residence in Vancouver, B.C., cannot permit you to take your departure without extending the respect and esteem in which you are held, not only by ourselves, but by the multitude of your friends throughout the town.

We can assure you that you will be missed and you absence will cause a void in our social and domestic circles not easily to be filled. While we regret to lose you we are pleased to know that your prospects in life will be improved and we hope and trust that a full measure of success will fall to your lot in your new home. Wish you God speed we desire to have you show a great deal of you in some time, and then we will be glad to see you and then to ask your reports of this accompanying token of our esteem and good will.

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and shriveled until they were of the size and weight of a toy.

In the fore-cabin and cabin we found others—enough to make up a crew of 14. There were 14 dead men and not a living thing aboard of the Santa Maria.

On the cabin table there were the remains of breakfast, and in the fore-cabin were the kids with food still in their mouths.

Whatever had occurred was in conjunction with the morning meal. As there was no fever smell aboard the derelict, our captain came over to try his hand at solving the mystery.

The ship's papers and log were soon found. We got her manifest and port and date of sailing, and the last entry on the log had been made five days before.

At that time all was well. The bodies in cabin and fore-cabin were of course in a better state of preservation, and after an inspection the captain gave it as his opinion that the entire crew had been poisoned. The attitude of each and every man went to prove it. Their eyes were open and rolled back, their fingers clenched and their knees drawn up.

That derelict was a great find for us. Her manifest showed a cargo valued at over \$200,000, and the ship was all right above deck. As to the water in her hold, we muzzed the pumps and had it out to the last pint in two hours.

Then we made an investigation to find the leak, and we soon discovered that a single auger hole had been bored in her bottom. The orifice had become more or less clogged with seaweed, and it would have taken another three or four days to have filled the ship.

We agreed that the man in the boat must have come from the ship. As he had got away alone and had provisioned the boat, it must have been after the others were dead. It was then, who had brought about the wholesale death of the crew, and he must have had a strong motive. That motive was discovered when some of the boxes of treasure were hoisted out of the lazarette and broken open. Aside from one or two boxes, the whole treasure hoard was a fake. Lead had been substituted for silver and gold. The furs were a cheat and a fraud, and the value of the diamonds was not one-quarter of the sum they were insured for. A search and closer search of the store-room evidently occupied by the supercargo gave us the key to unlock the whole mystery. He had left behind him a letter of instruction signed by Alvarez in the City of Mexico, and from that we learned that the crime of the dead man was fraud. That letter, written in Spanish, was of no aid to us except as far as the two names went, but later on when translated into English, its contents were of a nature to make a man turn pale. The instructions were to do just what had been done. After the Santa Maria had reached a certain position he was to poison the crew with a certain drug prepared, and then scuttle the ship and take his leave in a small boat. It was doubtless figured that if not picked up he could easily reach the coast of Chile; but, as I have told you, we found him dead in his boat. How his death came about I cannot say, as he had food and water and had not encountered any bad weather. I have always believed, however, that in his remorse for the awful deed he had done, coupled with the terrors of his lonely situation, he

MY WORLD BE ASSURED.

BY M. CHAD.

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When it was finally settled that I was to go up into the mountains of Wyoming on a hunting trip with old Bill Potts, a dozen men called to bid me a last goodbye. They looked their pity and sorrow, and their hands lingered lovingly in mine. I was rather skeptical. I didn't see why I should be pulled down by a mountain lion, clawed into mince meat by a grizzly bear or buried under a landslide, but they smiled feebly and shook their heads in a solemn way. Only one telegram received out of eight or ten threw any light on the matter, and the light came too late. It read:

"If you are going hunting with old Bill Potts, you'd better make your will and leave things easy for the widowed and fatherless."

The other telegrams simply read that the senders would see that my grave was kept green; if it could ever be found, and that it was to be hoped I wouldn't suffer over a week in dying. I liked old Bill. He was hale and hearty and good natured, and he could pack a mule, cook a good meal and shoot fairly straight. He was a smoker and a chewer, played a good game of cards, and I had every confidence that the pair of us would get along like brothers. We got away in good style, and it was two full days before anything happened to shake my confidence in him. Then as I sat cleaning my rifle, he picked up the ax to cut some wood. He hadn't made six strokes before the ax flew off the handle and almost shaved my hair as it passed.

"Where me, colonel?" said old Bill as he held up the handle. "That ax has bit holes for the last six months and never have bin fixed. I'll tend to it the first rainy day we have."

"But, him, that was a close call for me," I said as I felt my anger rising.

"Yes, colonel, but as long as no damage was done it's all right. I kinder thought it was going to cut your head off, but it riz a little and missed ye."

I tried that it was pure accident and overlooked it. Next morning old Bill found the trail of a lion near our camp, and after breakfast we took it up and started out. I had a Winchester, and he had a double barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot. He took the lead, and we had trailed for half a mile when I stumbled over a stone and pitched forward. Potts was about 20 feet ahead of me; gun on his shoulder and passing perfectly open ground. As I went down both barrels of his gun were discharged, and my hair curled as the hailful of shot shrieked over me and cut away half the branches of a young pine.

"What is it? What were you shooting at?" I shouted as I scrambled up, half expecting the lion and got in our rear and was stalking us.

"Ye see, colonel," replied old Potts, with a sheepish look on his face. "I al-lah carry my gun on the full cock, so's to save time, and I guess I must have bin freezing them hammers."

So that I was pitching forward on to his bear trap. I fell, but I also swayed aside, and it was my rifle which struck the pan and sprang the trap. The terrible jaws, each armed with its great teeth, closed together within a foot of my face and with a sound that made me think of a steam sawing off legs. I had escaped, but my gun was caught in a giant's vise. I got up and tried to call old Potts' names, but I was so shaken and mad that not a word would come. He stood looking at me with a puzzled and anxious expression on his face, as if wondering what there was to break loose about, and at last I grabbed up a club and jumped in on him. I believe that I chased him fully a mile before he gave up, but he kept out of my way. When I finally sat down to rest, he came sneaking back to say:

"Colonel, they all said ye was a queer sort of a critter, but this last circus beats my time. Maybe ye'll tell me what it's all about."

"And maybe I'll pump 16 bullets into you as soon as I get hold of my rifle," I gasped. "Potts, you ought to be killed out of hand. It won't be murder to wipe you off the face of the earth."

"Deke! of that bear trap!" he asked.

"Yes, of course. You know where it was and never said a word to me. If I hadn't struck the chain with my foot, I'd have walked right into it."

"Yes, I'd sorter forgot 'bout that trap," he mused as he scratched his ear. "But it's all right, ain't it? Ye didn't walk into it, and I can't see why ye should kick up such a row. Lordy, but ye seem to be a mighty pertickler man."

It was a bit of a job to get my rifle free of the jaws, and I then dived the old trap into a ravine and warned Potts that if he showed his face in camp I'd fasten him. He waited for two or three hours and then came in with an injured expression on his face and started up the fire for supper.

By that time I had got over my desire to shed his blood, but I couldn't overlook his carelessness. We ate and smoked and sat around in silence, and next day would have seen the partnership dissolved for sure but for an incident of the night. Soon after midnight a grizzly came skulking around and almost stamped over my mules, and Potts showed his gameness by blinding the old fellow back into the thickets without waiting for me. This broke the ice and made us friends again, and it was agreed to give old Ephraim a hard run for it next day. When morning came, I had about taken old Potts under my wing again and was secretly glad that I hadn't reached him with my club. As soon as breakfast was dispatched we started out. The bear had left tracks as big as a house and in going away had headed along the mountain. We could reasonably hope to hole him up somewhere within a mile, provided he had satisfied his hunger and got home in the due season. When we finally came to a likely spot, I went to the right and Potts to the left to investigate an opening in the rocks. I made a slow advance, realizing that the bear might be at ambush behind any of the big bowlders, and I was crouching alongside of one, with neck stretched out, when there was a whiz and a spat, and I was blinded for a moment by particles

SAVED HIS POSITION.

QUICK WIT LANDED HIM SAFELY OUT OF A TIGHT PLACE.

How a Clerk Worked Up an Excuse That Was Gladly Accepted by His Employer, to Whom He Had Shown Great Inactivity.

"It's mighty hard for a clerk to be so lazy and get all the time," said a department manager in one of the big stores. "A clerk is like any other human being, subject to headaches and indigestion and fits of irritability, and occasionally he will be a little gruff without intending it. When I was young, a few thoughtless words once came near losing me a good job, and the way I escaped being fired was rather amusing. It happened like this: I had charge of the men's furnishings counter in a large clothing store and the pay being 25¢ a rate and chance of promotion excellent I was naturally anxious to hold on to the job. One morning, however, I was feeling all out of sorts and was just developing an ugly headache when a man came in and asked to see some cravats."

I could tell from his general appearance he was from the north, and he had a curt, semisuperior manner that irritated me immediately. "If I had been feeling well, I would have kept my temper, but my head was throbbing, and when he poked over the board, finding fault with everything, and sneering at my statements, as to quality I began to get cross."

"Finally I couldn't stand it any longer. 'If you really want a scarf,' I said, 'you'll find plenty here that I dare say, are as good as anything you've been accustomed to wear.' Just then I happened to look up and caught sight of a floorwalker standing in a rear aisle and making frantic gestures to me with his hands."

"If you'll wait a moment," I said to the customer, wondering what the dickens was up. "I'll see if I can find something else at the other side." With that I hurried over to where the floorwalker was standing. "What's the matter, I asked in a low tone."

"Grant Scott, ma'am," he whispered, "that's the boss."

"The store, as I should have explained, was the southern branch of a New York establishment, and during the time I had been there the head of the firm had never before held it in person. Consequently I didn't know him by sight, and my old alarm clock when I realized how helplessly I had rammed my foot into it. During the next five seconds I did some quick thinking, and among other things that were crowding into my mind was the fact that the boss had been married only a short time before. That gave me an idea."

"I'm going back," I whispered to the floorwalker, and in a minute or two you found one of the boys to me with a piece of folded letter paper."

"What are you up to?" he asked.

"Never mind," said I. "You do exactly as I say. Let him just hand me the paper and walk off. I hurried back to the counter and found my man looking black as thunder. 'Sorry,' I said, still as good as over, but that's all we have. If nothing in it suits you, you'll

Correspondent's evidence. Most. Burrows gets a lot of credit for the way he keeps his family dressed.

Joan: Yes; they tell me there are two or three collectors at the house every day.

Very Special Delivery. "Did she get your bill?" "Yes; I directed it to her husband and marked it 'personal.'"—Chicago Record.

Life's a Sack Race

To a sick man. He's hobbled, hampered, handicapped by his sickness. Every little while he has to lay off for a day. He can't get ahead. Every body passes him in the struggle for success. If sickness originates in a diseased condition of the stomach (and most sickness does) there's a cure for it. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is not a cure-all, but a medicine specially designed to cure diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures many forms of disease, because many forms of disease originate in a diseased condition of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system.

I write to tell you of the great benefit I have received from the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mr. C. B. Bird, of Syracuse, Ontario, Canada. "I suffered from indigestion and loss of appetite, and I was very weak and very little. The little that I did not agree with me, bowels irregular, and life was a misery. I wrote to Dr. Pierce, giving the symptoms, and asked for advice. You advised me to take the Golden Medical Discovery, and I did so. I found it to be a most valuable medicine, and it cured me. I am now well and strong, and I am able to do my work as usual. I am very grateful to you for your advice, and I am sure that your Golden Medical Discovery is a most valuable medicine, and it cures many forms of disease, because many forms of disease originate in a diseased condition of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets keep the bowels in a healthy action.

Notice of Dissolution

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Malcolin & Shute in the Town of Rat Portage, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to St. Clair Malcolin and Rat Portage afterwards, and all claims against said partnership are to be presented to the said St. Clair Malcolin by whom the same will be settled.

Dated this 1st day of December, A. D. 1900.

ST. CLAIR MALCOLIN, JAMES SHUTE.

the Mexican capital, and Alvarez specifically became her favorite.

Of course there was gossip about the new manager, and there were those who predicted that his extravagances would ultimately bring ruin to the old house, but there were no official complaints. He knew little of nothing of business, but he did know how to spend money, royally, and in a year he had people guessing how much longer it would take him to bankrupt the house. It was after the balance sheets had proved to him that he was spending more than the profits of the house and was a debtor to an enormous amount that he set about preparing a grand coup. The Spanish merchantman was loaded with a consignment of gold, silver, copper, furs and dry-stuffs for Spain and the cargo insured to the last cent. Alvarez took into his confidence a young man named Prado, and when the Santa Maria sailed his confederate went with her as supercargo. The ship was manned by a crew of 14 men, all Spaniards. Thirty days after her sailing to the southward the American bark Homeward left the port of Valparaiso homeward-bound. We had been out three days when we ran into a dead calm, with the weather so terribly hot that the deck planks smoked in the sun. As we lay heaving on the ground swell a small boat drifted into view. It seemed to be empty, and it had been in sight for two hours and was not over half a mile away. When the captain decided to pick it up, a boat was sent off, and when she returned with the stranger we had a sad spectacle under our eyes. There was a dead man lying at full length under the thwart. He had not perished for lack of food or water, as the boat was well supplied. It was sickness of some sort that had brought his end, and the hot sun had baked and shriveled his body until the sight was not one to look at twice. As there was no evidence that a second person had occupied the boat, we inclined to the belief that a mutinous crew had sent their captain adrift. There were some who thought he might have been blown off the coast, and yet in that case it did not seem as if the craft would have been stocked with food and water as she was.

We gave the corpse burial and hoisted the boat aboard, and two days later the puzzle was solved. We had caught a breeze and made a run of a hundred miles when we sighted a derelict. She was a square rigged ship with all sail taken off her and was driving away broadside to wind and sea. It was plain that she had sprung a leak, but she was by no means waterlogged. We ran down and hailed her, and getting no answer, the mate was sent to board her. I was one of the crew of his boat, and the sight we saw as we climbed over the rail was one never to be forgotten. Five men lay dead on the decks, and the corpses were in a far worse state than the one in the boat. You could tell at a glance that the dead men were Spaniards, and yet their hands and faces were as black as your shag, and the bodies had shrunk

take his leave in a small boat. It was doubtless figured that if not picked up he could easily reach the coast of Chile; but as I have told you, we found him dead in his boat. How his death came about I cannot say, as he had food and water and had not encountered any bad weather. I have always believed, however, that in his remorse for the awful deed he had done, coupled with the terrors of his lonely situation, he deliberately drank of the poison which had laid the others low. It was before the crew became too ill to move about that sail was taken off and she was made snug against the weather.

With the nigger hole plugged and a part of our crew on board the Santa Maria, we laid our course for the port of Valdivia, and in due time both craft arrived there in good shape. The dead had been given burial of course, but there was no lack of other proofs. As soon as the plot was unraveled steps were taken for the arrest of Alvarez in Mexico, and our claim for salvage was also filed. Governments move slowly in international matters. It was months before they got ready to arrest the man, who had plotted this sea tragedy. He had meanwhile continued his career of dissipation and extravagance, depending upon his insurance money to make everything good. News got to him somehow from Valdivia of the derelict he lay towed in, and he left Mexico and hid away in Bolivia. There he was at last found, but he cheated the hangman by committing suicide. Years later the crew of the Homeward got a few dollars' apiece as salvage money. The ship herself was lost at sea with a full crew. You may ask why Prado did not make a thorough job of scuttling the Santa Maria while he was at it. He must have been alone at the time, except for the dead around him, and he had a sharp anger to work with. Had he bored half a dozen holes instead of one the ship would have gone down before being overhauled, and in that case we could have made nothing over finding his corpse in the boat. The fact would have been entered on the log and reported, but would have caused no comment outside of marine circles. Prado was probably in a great hurry to get away from the death ship, and in his haste he bored only the one hole and then fled in something of a panic. Had he carried his letter away with him it would have taken us longer to unravel the mystery, though the cheat in the cargo must have sooner or later been discovered. As a plot hatched against the insurance companies it never had an equal, and as a tragedy of the sea one must believe that young Prado was little short of a devil incarnate to coolly sweep aside the 14 human beings who stood in his path.

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This Is Awful.

Smith—Who is that distinguished looking man across the street?
Jones—That is Professor Tapham, the eminent bacteriologist.
Smith—Is he an American?
Jones—No, he's a germ-man. — Exchange.

shrieked over me and put away half the branches of a young pine.

"What is it? What were you shooting at?" I shouted as I scrambled up, half expecting the lion had got in our rear and was stalking us.

"Ye see, colonel," replied old Potts, with a sheepish look on his face, "I always carry my gun on the full cock, so's to save time, and I guess I must have hit dozens them hamsters."

"You dolt! You idiot! You jackass!" I yelled at him as I looked for a club. "If I hadn't stumbled over that stone, you'd have blown a hole through me as big as a barrel."

"Yes, but ye stumbled, and, bein as no harm was done, I hope ye won't get mad about it. Why, sich things are liable to happen every day."

I told Potts that if I ever caught him carrying his gun in that shape again I'd pump lead into his legs and leave him to the wolves, and for the rest of the day the relations between us were strained. Under the influence of a good supper and a pipe we got closer together, however, and by and by he went into the tent for the cards. He was fussing around for several minutes, and I had just opened my mouth to ask him the cause of his delay when a bullet lifted the hat off my head and sent it ten feet behind me. I made two jumps for a bowlder and yelled to Potts, thinking I had been fired on by a roguish Indian, but when the man came out with my self-cocking revolver in his hand I knew what had happened.

"You blunderhead! You fool of a jackass!" I shouted as I made up to him, but he backed off and protestingly explained:

"Don't get nervous, colonel. I had never seen one of these self cockers and was jest tryin it. I might have p'inted it the other way, but I didn't think."

"No, you didn't, and the ball went through my hat. Potts, you are a fool. You don't know enough to chew beans."

"What a fuss to raise over a little accident, and nobody hurt at that!" sighed Potts, and we spoke no more together that evening. I made up my mind before going to sleep that the firm of Soft & Potts would dissolve after breakfast by mutual consent or otherwise, but he prepared such a good meal and seemed so downcast and repentant that I found myself melting. We had with us a thumbing big bear trap, and while he shouldered it and set off to place it in hopes to catch a lion I took up my gun and went in another direction.

I came back to camp at noon with a small deer on my back and found Potts and dinner waiting. Two hours later, when we had taken care of the meat and the bide, he asked me to go with him and see a hot spring he had discovered farther up the mountain. I saw that the hamsters of his gun were down; but not knowing what surprise he might have up his sleeve, I took the lead. Now and then he gave me a word of direction, and he had just announced the spring as close at hand when I tripped and fell. I heard the clank of a chain, and it flashed across

my mind and eye came in the one second. When we finally came to a likely spot, I went to the right and Potts to the left to investigate an opening in the rocks. I made a slow advance, realizing that the bear might be in ambush behind any of the big bowlders, and I was crouching alongside of one with neck stretched out, when there was a whizz and a spat, and I was blinded for a moment by particles of stone flung into my eyes. Potts was carrying a rifle that day, and as its bark followed the spat of the bullet I knew what had happened. While I had my hands to my eyes I heard him shoot at the top of his voice:

"Hey, colonel, I've got him—got him, fur sure!"

Half a minute later he stood beside me, prepared to finish off the "game." I think he was really surprised and perhaps considerably disappointed when he found a living man instead of a dead grizzly, and he hadn't a word to say. He sat down near me on a rock, and it was five minutes before I had my eyes cleared enough to make him out. Then I brought up my Winchester and said:

"Potts, I'm going to shoot 16 holes into your jackass carcass! Where do you want the first one?"

"So it was ye instead of a bar?" he queried in reply.

"It was, and you knew it was. You meant to murder and rob me, you old villain! Talk fast, now, for you haven't got 60 seconds to live!"

"Look here, colonel," he protested, but only mildly, "it was a mistake any, body might have made, and, bein ye wasn't hurt, I don't see why ye should kick up Dan'l. Fact is, colonel—"

"Go on! Go on! You have 20 seconds more!" I said as he halted.

"Waal, the fact of it is I'm goin to quit. I never was out with one of ye newspaper men before, and dang my hide if ever I want to be ag'in. The boys said ye was a crank and a kicker and that I'd soon cut my job, but ye talked smooth and gave orders fur plenty of grub, and I was willin to take chances. Howsomever—"

"Howsomever what, you nearsighted, squint eyed, dunderheaded pot hunter?"

"Howsomever, colonel, the boys was right, and, bein I can't do nothin to please ye, though I have tried my best, I guess I'll resign, and ye kin run the circus yerself."

Next day we started the outfit for home. Potts might have reconsidered his resignation, but I wouldn't give him a chance. I couldn't stay up there alone, but it was death to stay with him. We made the journey of 60 miles without a word. When we reached home, I paid him off and said:

"Potts, you—you are an unbung idiot!"

"What fun, colonel?" he innocently asked.

"Because you can't help it."

"Waal, mebbe I am, but if ye could only have held on to that crankiness of yers we'd have got at least four bars and five or six lions, to say nothin of wolves and wildcats. Day to ye, colonel. Awful sorry ye can't help yer meanness."

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"Hey, colonel, I've got him—got him, fur sure!"

"Very well," he replied sarcastically, and how let me give you a small piece of information. I—

"At that moment a boy handed me the paper. I tore it open, pretended to read a note, slapped my leg joyfully and proceeded to do a double shuffle on the floor. The stranger gazed at me in amazement. 'What the deuce is the matter with you?' he growled. 'Are you crazy or just drunk?'

"Neither," I cried. "I am simply relieved, inexpressibly relieved and rejoiced! You must pardon this idiotic exhibition, my dear sir, I went on earnestly, and I hope you will also pardon my gross rudeness to you a moment ago. I was beside myself with anxiety and didn't know what I was doing. The fact is, I said, with the best imitation of diffidence I could muster up, the fact is, we have just had a new arrival out at my house. It's a boy, sir, and everything's all right. And really I hope you will overlook—"

"Don't say a word," he interrupted, curtly grasping by hand. "I appreciate your feelings, and your apology is ample. Here's my card."

"So that was the way I got out of it," added the department manager, grinning, "but it was a close shave, especially in view of the fact that I was and am a case-hardened old bachelor, with a special aversion to infants. The boss was very kind and cordial, and whenever he came to town afterward he never failed to ask how the youngster was getting on. He doesn't know any better to this day."

Boston's Slave Market.

In the old colonial days Boston had an "intelligence office," which was also a slave market, as appears from a notice published in February, 1770: "The intelligence office opposite the Golden Ball, lately kept by Benjamin Leigh, is now kept by Grant Webster. There is to be sold at said office West India and New England rum, wines of several sorts, male and female negroes, several secondhand chairs," etc.

Too Long to Wait.

"I disown you!" cried the angry parent. "I shall cut you off with a shilling!"

"Yes, sir," replied the erring son. "And might I have the shilling now?" — Stray Stories.

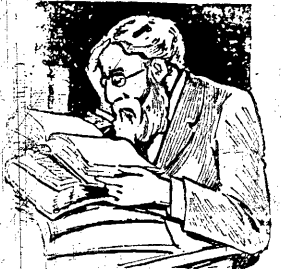
From the root of the pretty flower known as white bryony can be made a decoction which acts with magical effect in curing bruises of all descriptions. It is said to be peculiarly efficacious in healing a blackened eye.

owing to him paying him up to be paid to St. Clair Malcolm at Rat Portage afterwards, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said St. Clair Malcolm by whom the same will be settled.

Dated this 1st day of December, A. D. 1900.

ST. CLAIR MALCOLM.
JAMES SHUTE.

Witness:
ALLEN McLENNAN.



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and Games of All descrip-
tions

Give us a call.

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Streets.

Local Interest

At the municipal elections in Kew-
watin the following gentlemen were
elected councillors: E. H. Armstrong,
A. Ritchie, S. Hansen and W. J. Craig.
G. H. Kelly, the popular ferve, was
again elected by acclamation.

J. A. McCrossan is able to be around
again after a few days suffering from
a badly sprained back.

T. E. Birbeck, late contractor at the
Honesty Mine has been offered a
position with the C. P. R. on the
Grows Nest division, and will probably
leave for the west in a short time.

The Kewwatin Power Company held
their annual meeting at Montreal yester-
day. It is said that matters concern-
ing the furnishing of power to the
projected pulp mill were considered.

Henry Lee's ice-boat is now in run-
ning shape and any person wishing an
exciting ride may be accommodated
any night at the foot of Main st.

Dr. Paterson, of Portage la Prairie,
is visiting his sister Mrs. R. H. Young,
Agnes St.

R. Elliot came in from the Mikado
Saturday.

Miss Corwin returned from Winni-
peg Sunday night.

Dr. Lidlau returned from his visit
east on Saturday morning.

Allan Sullivan and bride have arrived
in town and are moving into their new
residence in Lakeside.

The first Century Tea, given by
Messames Page and Connell at the
residence of Mrs. Page, in aid of The
Century Fund of St. Alban's Church,
yesterday was a complete success both

quartette, Fisher, Blackie, Landree
and Cuthbert: song, Dick Fisher:
selection, "Idlers Club," song, by the
Masco: speeches by Referee Wm.
McFarlane, Capt. W. Baxborough and
Jos. Johnson.

A. S. Cuthbert left on a business
trip over the ice to take in the camp.

Hockey Sticks have taken a big drop.
In order to close out my stock of
Hockey Sticks, I have put my prices
away down. Jacob Rose.

The cheapest place to get Hockey
Sticks is at Jacob Rose's Hardware
Store. We have them as good as
they are made.

Rus McDougall of Owen Sound was
in town Monday.

N. McMillan of the Mikado was in
town Wednesday.

Jno. Cleland of the Mikado was in
town Tuesday.

Danl. Hyland, of Rainy River, has
received the postmaster'ship at Port
Hyland from the United States govern-
ment.

J. C. Burns returned from Winnipeg
Wednesday.

Miss Gerlie Savage of Niagara, is
visiting at Mrs. D. C. Cameron's.

Jos. Herman has returned from
Winnipeg.

Robt. Borrowman of the Glasgow
House, has been confined to his room
this week through illness.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., from 3 to 6
p.m., a charity tea will be given at the
home of Mrs. Jas. Robinson, Fourth
St. All are invited to assist in a most
worthy object.

RAT PORTAGE THISTLES PLAY GOOD HOCKEY.

Defeat Portage la Prairie in
a Hard Fought Game,
Securing 7 to 4.

On Saturday night last a very large
crowd assembled in Victoria Park to
witness the first Intermediate match
in Rat Portage. The Portage la Prairie
boys did not arrive till the 8:20 train
that night, and consequently the game
was rather late starting.

At 9:20 sharp the referee's bell
sounded and the opposing teams lined
up. The visiting team wore light
green sweaters, while the Rat Portage
colors were red and white.

From the face off, the game was fast
and furious and honors were about
equally divided until one of the visit-
ing team secured the puck and scored
the first for Portage la Prairie. This
was the longest game in the match it
lasting 18 minutes.

The home team then braced up and

ceded in passing him. Sam Johnson,
at points played as he never played be-
fore, and after his first few checks he
could do very neatly as he pleased.
Fred Dulmage excelled himself in goal
and could no doubt hinder the course
of a bullet shot from a Mauser rifle,
by the excellent use of his stick. The
whole forward line played well to-
gether, especially in the last half of
the game, each man being in the right
place at the right time. Fraser and
McGinisie both had hard men to fight
against, and their play certainly was
A1. Hooper played a great game and
succeeded in passing the Portage la
Prairie defence time and time again.
Hillard played in great form in the
last half and deserves much credit for
the way he led the pick up and scored,
baffling the strong defence of the vis-
iting team.

Taken all in all the game was the
cleanest and most gentlemanly of the
association games played here.

The teams were as follows:—

Portage la Prairie	Goal	Team	Time
Weaver	Good	Dulmage	18 min
Walton	Point	Johnson	2 min
Taylor	Cover Point	Phillips	4 min
Rainburn		Hooper	7 min
Cleaver		McGinisie	3 min
Roxborough	Forwards	Fraser	5 min
The topson		Hilliard	7 min

The game was scored as follows:—

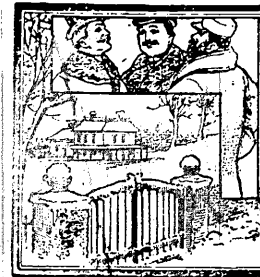
Goal	Team	Time
1	Portage la Prairie	18 min
2	Rat Portage	2 min
3	"	4 min
4	Portage la Prairie	7 min
5	Second Half	
6	Rat Portage	3 min
7	"	5 min
8	"	6 min
9	Portage la Prairie	7 min
10	"	1 min
11	Rat Portage	7 min

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1. In the first half the playing was
pretty even, the score at half time
standing 2 to 1. In the last half the
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while Rat Portage tallied 2 games.

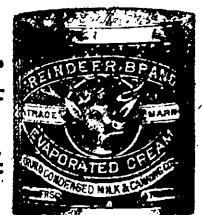
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Dr. Laidlaw returned from his visit west, on Saturday morning.

Allen Sullivan and bride have arrived in town and are moving into their new residence in Lakeside.

The first Century Tea given by Mesdames Page and Connell, at the residence of Mrs. Page, in aid of the Century Fund of St. Alban's Church, yesterday was a complete success, both in point of numbers attending and the tea itself, which was a credit to the two ladies giving it, who evidently understand the art of tea-making. It is understood that these Century Teas will be a fortnightly occurrence, and the next one will be given by Mesdames Humble and E. A. Chapman, at the residence of Mrs. Humble.

After the hockey match on Saturday evening last the Portage la Prairie boys were treated to a splendid supper at the Russell house. About eighty gentlemen sat down to the tables and regaled themselves with the good things provided in the well-known style of the Russell. Mr. J. R. Bunn occupied the chief chair and the following formed the programme: Speech, J. R. Bunn; selection, "Idlers Club;" orchestra; story, A.S. Cuthbert; song, Dick Fisher; recitation, Geo. Blackie;

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colors were red and white. From the face off, the game was fast and furious and honors were about equally divided until one of the visiting team secured the puck and scored the first for Portage la Prairie. This was the longest game in the match it lasting 18 minutes.

The home team then braced up and after some very pretty combination work, Fraser, our old reliable, evened matters. (Time 2 minutes)

The puck was brought to centre ice and was faced off, and directly taken down towards the Portage la Prairie's goal, McGinisie this time tallied for Rat Portage. (Time 1 minute.)

The visitors soon afterwards counted another goal to their credit and the score remained 2 to 2 at half time.

During half time the greatest excitement prevailed as the score was even, and everyone had heard a great deal about the striking powers of the visiting team. When the playing was resumed there was some very close checking, Phillips showing up to great advantage. The home team rushed down the ice and another goal was scored. Still another game followed for Rat Portage, and the rink resounded with yells and bootings and bugle blasts, shrill and sonorous, both, and to excite the spectators more, Hilliard secured the puck and by a clever shot landed it safely in the netting. The score now stood 5-2.

The visiting team, not at all daunted, spruced up, and Roxborough, who has so often led his team to victory, by an individual play, scored for the Portagers. A short time afterwards Roxborough repeated the trick and scored again, bringing the tally 4 to 5. Things now became interesting and there were those in the galleries who looked upon this as a turning point in the game, but the home team evidently had not finished scoring, for Fraser, after several passes from McGinisie, scored again. The crowning goal of the whole match was made by Hilliard. After a centee engagement, he succeeded in getting away with the puck and, unaided, passed cover point, and point, and by a quick shot scored the seventh and last goal, for Rat Portage.

For the visiting team, Fairbairn, Roxborough and Walton, were the particular stars, although Weaver played a good goal, stopping some very difficult shots.

The home team all played a strong game, and if they always play as good hockey as that witnessed Saturday night, there is no reason why they should not win the Intermediate championship. Tom Phillips was perhaps the particular star. He is a new man at cover point, but his play was indicative of good form in good training. His opponents very rarely suc-

6 min
7 min
8 min
9 min
10 min
11 min

W. McFarlane, of Winnipeg, was referee, and proved to be a very capable one, showing his thorough knowledge of the game all through.

NOTES.
The Victorias of Winnipeg defeated the Brulon hockey team last Monday evening in the Brandon rink by a score of 3 to 1.

The Brandon team play a game here on Saturday night. Our boys think they can hold their own with the present Intermediate champions, and it is hoped that they will all be in good form for the match.

A picked team from Rat Portage defeated the Keewatin hockey team on Wednesday night by a score of 4 to 1.

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Team	Won	Lost	To play
Rat Portage	1	0	0
Victorias	3	1	6
Portage la Prairie	2	1	7
Brandon	1	1	8
Winnipeg	0	2	8
Capberry	0	2	8

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